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1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE, CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT THE RELEASE OF 10,000 DETAINEES SCHEDULED FOR 1978 WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN PHASED MANNER BEGINNING IN LATE SUMMER. ICRC VISITS TO DETENTION CENTERS ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY. APPROXIMATELY 200-225 PERSONS ARE STILL BEING DETAINED FOR ALLEGED DISSIDENT OR TERRORIST ACTS CONNECTED WITH MARCH MPR SESSION, BUT WE ANTICIPATE BULK OF THESE WILL SHORTLY BE RELEASED AND OTHERS WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. END SUMMARY.

2. CSIS STAFFER LIM BIAN KIE, WHO IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH SECURITY AUTHORITIES ON MODALITIES FOR 1978 RELEASE OF 10,000 POLITICAL DETAINEES ASSOCIATED WITH 1965 COMMUNIST POWER PLAY, TELLS US THAT CHANCES ARE GOOD FOR PROGRAM OF PHASED RELEASES BEGINNING IN LATE SUMMER. FINAL DECISION HAS NOT, HOWEVER, BEEN MADE. (COMMENT: SITUATION THUS REMAINS AS REPORTED REF A.)

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3. LIM BIAN KIE TELLS US ICRC VISIT HAS CONTINUED ON HIGHLY COOPERATIVE NOTE. ALTHOUGH NEW ICRC TEAM HAS ARRIVED, THERE WAS NO HIATUS IN VISITS. CURRENT ICRC GROUP IS IN EAST JAVA AND SHOULD COMPLETE ITS WORK BY END OF THIS MONTH. ICRC PRESIDENT HAY IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO JAKARTA LATER IN YEAR TO PRESENT ICRC REPORT ON

VISITS TO RPRESIDENT SUHARTO. AFTERWORDS, LIM SAID, VISITS WILL BE SCHEDULED ON YEARLY BASIS. LIM SAID THAT ICRC WILL BE FURNISHED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS NAMES OF 10,000 DETAINEES RELEASED LAST YEAR. THIS LIST WILL BE GIVEN TO TEAM PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE.

4. WE ESTIMATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 200-225 PERSONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION FOR ALLEGED DISSIDENT OR TERRORIST ACTS DURING THE PERIOD SURROUNDNG THE MPR. PERHAPPS FOUR TO FIVE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL PERSONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED AFTER PERIODS OF DETENTION RANGING FROM A FEW DAYS TO THREE MONTHS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE BULK OF THOSE STILL HELD WILL BE GRADUALLY RELEASED IN THE COMING WEEKS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT 19 OF THE CASES ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR FINAL EXAMINATION AND PREPARATION OF TRIAL CASES. AN ADDITIONAL NUMBER--PERHAPS AS FEW AS EIGHT OR TEN, PERHAPS AS MANY AS SEVERAL DOZEN--WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR POSSIBLE TRIAL, DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS OF THE CONTINUING EXAMINATION OF THEIR CASES.

5. FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE CURRENTLY DETAINED, BY REGION AND GROUP (WITH OUR ESTIMATE OF PROSPECTS FOR TRIAL/RELEASE). EXCEPT WHERE NOTED WE ARE CONFIDENT THESE FIGURES ARE REASONABLY ACCURATE.

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6. JAKARTA: APPROXIMATELY 90 DETAINEES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. ABOUT 50 STUDENTS ARRESTED FOR PRE-MPR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES (SOME TO BE TRIED, PERHAPS AS FEW AS FOUR OR FIVE BUT PERHAPS AS MANY AS A COUPLE OF DOZEN);

B. ABOUT 30 SUSPECTS (MANY HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS) IN THE MARCH 20 JAKARTA FIREBOMBINGS, ALLEGEDLY CARRIED OUT BY A MUSLIM YOUTH GROUP CALLED THE ISLAMIC YOUTH MOVEMENT, GPI (A FEW LIKELY TO BE TRIED, THE BULK RELEASED);

C. FIVE TO TEN PROMINENT MUSLIMS (INCLUDING MAHBUB DJUNAIDI, ISMAIL SUNY, BUNG TOMO AND SJAFRUDDIN PRAWIRANEKARA) ARRESTED DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS ON SUSPICION OF ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES (TRIAL PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN);

D. ONE OR TWO NON-MUSLIMS (INCLUDING THE ECCENTRIC CIVIC ACTIVIST J.C. PRINCEN) ALSO ARRESTED IN RECENT DAYS, APPARENTLY FOR SUSPECTED DISSIDENT/SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY (TRIAL PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN)

E. ONE DETAINEE, A SUSPECT IN THE RECENT BOMBING OF MOSQUE IN JAKARTA, SO FAR IDENTIFIED ONLY AS A 42 YEAR OLD MALE APPREHENDED AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME (TRIAL PROSPECTS FOR THIS SUSPECT UNCERTAIN BUT ADDITIONAL ARRESTS IN THIS CASE ALMOST CERTAIN).

7. WEST JAVA/BANDUNG: APPROXIMATELY 70 DETAINEES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. 50 TO 60 STUDENTS (MANY FROM THE BANDUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ITB, AND THE BOGOR AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, IPB) ARRESTED FOR PRE-MPR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES. NOTE. THIS IS LEAST RELIABLE OF OUR ESTIMATES, BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FROM BANDUNG SECURITY AUTHORITIES. THERE MAY BE FAR FEWER STILL UNDER DETENTION. (MOST WILL BE RELEASED, 10 ARE INCLUDED IN THE CASES ALREADY TURNED OVER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.);

B. A FEW ADDITIONAL STUDENTS (PERHAPS FIVE OR SO) FROM IPB ARRESTED SINCE THE MPR, APPARENTLY FOR ALLEGED DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES (EXACT CAUSE OF ARREST AND TRIAL PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN);
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C. A FEW MUSLIMS ARRESTED AT THE SAME TIME AND APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DETENTION OF DJUNAIDI, SUNY, ET AL, BUT HELD IN BANDUNG RATHER THAN JAKARTA (SOME ALREADY RELEASED, TRIAL PROSPECTS FOR REMAINDER UNCERTAIN);

8. CENTRAL JAVA/JOGJAKARTA: APPROXIMATELY 10 DETAINEES, ALL STUDENTS ARRESTED FOR PRE-MPR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES (EIGHT INCLUDED IN CASES TURNED OVER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL).

9. EAST JAVA/SURABAYA: APPROXIMATELY 16-25 DETAINEES, ALL STUDENTS ARRESTED FOR PRE-MPR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES (MOST ARE LIKELY TO BE RELEASED, ONE INCLUDED IN CASES WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL).

10. OUTSIDE JAVA: A FEW STUDENTS TILL HELD FOR PRE-MPR DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES IN NORTH SUMATRA (13 TO 14), WEST SUMATRA (FIVE OR SO), SOUTH SUMATRA (SIX) AND SOUTH SULAWESI (FOUR), PLUS THE RECTOR OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF NORTH SUMATRA, DETAINED IN MEDAN ON SIMILAR CHARGES. (MOST OF THESE ARE LIKELY TO BE RELEASED WITHOUT TRIAL.)
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